

STATE OF MAINE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 99-276

April 27, 1999

CENTRAL MAINE POWER COMPANY
Request for Waiver of May 1, 1999
Deadline for Filing of Initial Request
for Bids Under Section 6(B)(3) of Chapter 307

ORDER GRANTING
REQUEST FOR WAIVER

WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT and DIAMOND, Commissioners

On April 9, 1999, Central Maine Power Company (CMP) filed a Request for Waiver of the May 1, 1999 filing deadline in Section 6(B)(3) of Chapter 307 of the Commission's Rules. Chapter 307 governs the sale of capacity and energy from generation assets and contracts that a utility has not divested. Section 6(B)(3) requires each utility to file by May 1, 1999 a proposed request for bids package for the capacity and energy. CMP noted that it was still in the process of developing material required for the filing, and that, with additional time, it could assemble a better quality request for bids package. CMP requested an extension of the May 1 filing deadline until May 30, 1999.

Section 11 of Chapter 307 allows the Commission to waive, for good cause, any provision of the rule that is not required by statute. Section 11 further authorizes the Commission's Director of Technical Analysis or the presiding officer of a Chapter 307-related proceeding to grant a request for waiver.

I have reviewed CMP's Request for Waiver. Good cause has been shown for the waiver. Because the filing date CMP requested, May 30, 1999, falls during a holiday weekend, CMP should file its request for bids package, including all material required by Section 6, on or before June 1, 1999. We will work with CMP to ensure that there is adequate time to review and, potentially, modify its bid package before it must be issued on August 2, 1999.

Accordingly, it is

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CMP's Request for Waiver of the May 1, 1999 deadline to file the request for bids package required by Section 6(B)(3) of Chapter 307 is granted. CMP shall file this request for bids package on or before June 1, 1999.

Dated at Augusta, Maine, this 27th day of April, 1999.

BY ORDER OF THE
ACTING DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Faith Huntington